

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 and 8-12 are pending. The foregoing amendment cancels Claims 1 and 7 and amends Claims 2, 6, 8 and 12. It is respectfully submitted that no new subject matter is added by this amendment.

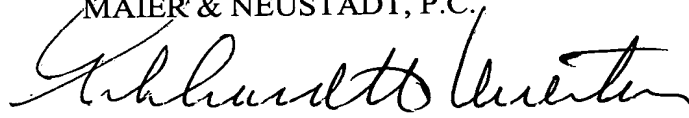
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 6, 7 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Boyd et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,038,028). Claims 2-5 and 8-11 were indicated as allowable.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 2-5 and 8-11 are allowable. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended to be in independent form. Because independent Claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled and Claims 6 and 12 depend from allowable Claims 2 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that the outstanding rejection has been rendered moot by the present amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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